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JANUARY 2021

Wed 20 **Fly FREE** from London to Lima, Peru***
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Thu 21 **Lima, Peru**
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Fri 22 **Pisco (for the Nazca Lines), Peru**
Wed 27 - **Hanga Roa, Easter Island** (arrive midday – overnight)

Thu 28
Easter Island was given its name by the Dutch explorer Jacob Roggeveen, who encountered the island on Easter Sunday, 1722. Although a Polynesian island in southeastern Pacific Ocean, it is an overseas territory of Chile. Easter Island is famous for its mysterious, monumental statues, called moai, created by the Rapanui people. A total of 887 monolithic stone statues have been inventoried. The native islanders who carved them used only stone hand chisels, mainly basalt toki, which still lay in place throughout the island

★Recommended Excursion*: Ancient Cultures of Easter Island
Delve into the history of Easter Island at several ceremonial locations, including a village on the edge of an extinct volcano where a mysterious cult flourished

Sun 31 **Cruising the Pitcairn Islands**

FEBRUARY 2021

Wed 3 **Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia**
★Recommended Excursion*: Tahiti Lagoon Discovery
Embrace the undersea beauty of Tahiti's blue waters during this scenic and memorable lagoon discovery tour

Thu 4 **Bora Bora, French Polynesia**
★Recommended Excursion*: Sail Bora Bora by Catamaran
Sail a catamaran through the gorgeous lagoon surrounding Bora Bora, admiring the stunningly beautiful scenery both above and below the water's surface

Sun 7 **Pago Pago, American Samoa**

Mon 8 **Cross the International Date Line**

Fri 12 **Bay of Islands, New Zealand**
The Bay of Islands is a subtropical micro-region renowned for its unmatched beauty and abundance of activities. The beaches here are considered some of the world's finest and when you witness the perfect white sand and crystal waters, you'll soon see why. But it is so much more than a pretty face, many consider this the ideal place to partake in more active pursuits, such as kayaking, mountain biking, parasailing, swimming with dolphins and scuba diving*

Sat 13 **Auckland, New Zealand** (overnight)
Auckland offers the visitor all the amenities of a world-class city. Browse the shops of Queen Street or the Parnell area with its galleries and boutiques in quaintly restored Victorian buildings. Minutes from downtown you can relax on a black sand beach, or explore the America's Cup Yachting Village. Further afield there are the spectacular pine-clad Waitakere Mountains, the amazing Waitomo Glowworm Caves and the verdant vineyards of Kumeu River Wines

Sun 14 **Auckland, New Zealand**
Disembark and transfer to the airport for your **FREE**** overnight flight to London*

Mon 15 **Arrive in London**

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JANUARY 2021

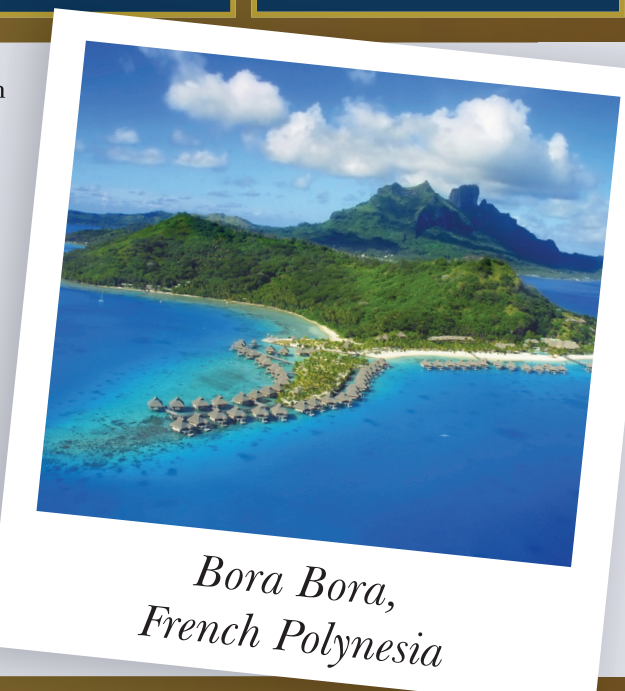
Mon 18 **Fly FREE** from London to Lima, Peru***.
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Tue 19 **Lima, Peru**
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Wed 20 **Lima, Peru**
After breakfast, enjoy a picturesque drive to the outskirts of Lima to explore the ruins of Pachacamac. This large excavated pre-Columbian complex of buildings includes an extraordinary pyramid and temples. For a more contemporary look at life in the country, you will visit Hacienda Mamacona, an estate where Peruvian Paso horses are bred. The horses will display their skills as you learn about their origins and uses over lunch. Spend the rest of the afternoon at your leisure in Lima (B, L)

Thu 21 **Lima, Peru**
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Day 2. Florø - Molde, Norway**Day 3. Kristiansund - Rørvik, Norway****Day 4. Cross the Arctic Circle / Brønnøysund - Svolvær, Norway**

Today you'll enter the Auroral Zone, the best area to witness the legendary Northern Lights. On deck enjoy a traditional ceremony to mark crossing the Arctic Circle

Day 5. Stokmarknes - Skjervøy, Norway

Considered the gateway to the Arctic and its snowy capital, many a wintry excursion is on offer in Tromsø; try your hand at husky dog sledding or snowmobiling*

Day 6. Øksfjord - Berlevåg, Norway (for optional excursions to the North Cape*)

Arrive in Honningsvåg, gateway to the spectacular North Cape; an excursion to this breathtaking location puts you only 2,000 kilometres from the Geographical North Pole

Day 7. Båtsfjord - Kirkenes - Berlevåg, Norway

The ship turns at Kirkenes, and ports visited at night northbound will now be seen during the day southbound

Day 8. Mehamn - Tromsø, Norway**Day 9. Tromsø - Stamsund, Norway****Day 10. Bodø - Rørvik, Norway**

See the spectacular winter scenery of the picturesque Helgeland coast, including the Seven Sisters Mountain Range and the distinctive Torghatten Mountain

Day 11. Trondheim - Ålesund, Norway**Day 12. Bergen, Norway**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to London

Above is a selection of the ports of call visited.

For a full itinerary please ask your cruise specialist.

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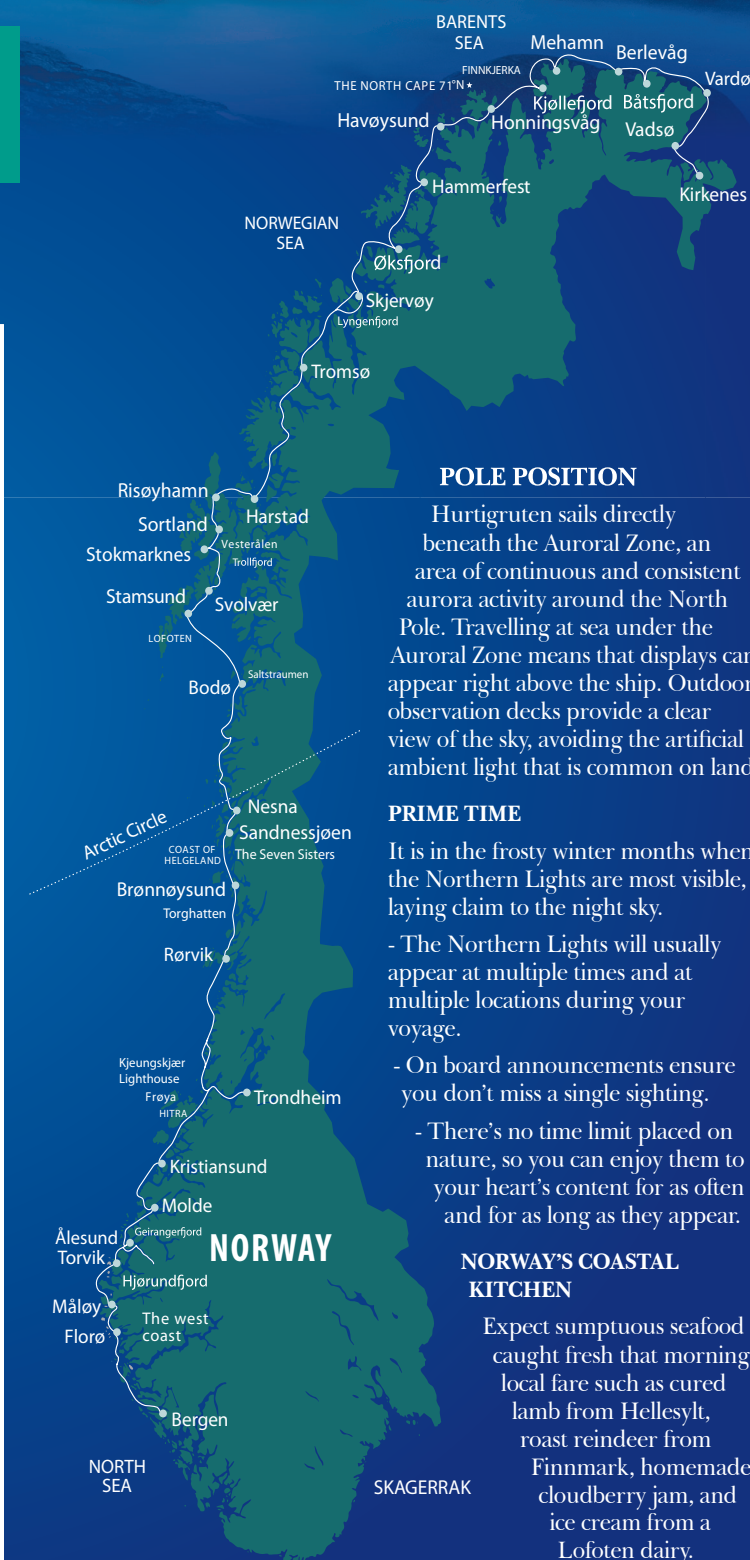
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PRIME TIME

It is in the frosty winter months when the Northern Lights are most visible, laying claim to the night sky.

- The Northern Lights will usually appear at multiple times and at multiple locations during your voyage.

- On board announcements ensure you don't miss a single sighting.

- There's no time limit placed on nature, so you can enjoy them to your heart's content for as often and for as long as they appear.

NORWAY'S COASTAL KITCHEN

Expect sumptuous seafood caught fresh that morning, local fare such as cured lamb from Hellesylt, roast reindeer from Finnmark, homemade cloudberry jam, and ice cream from a Lofoten dairy.

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YOUR 99 NIGHT NO-FLY WORLD CRUISE DEPARTS 10TH JANUARY 2020

Depart Southampton on board your home-from-home, the iconic *Queen Mary 2*, bound for the warmer climes of Lisbon – but before you arrive, you will have time to explore on board with two days at sea.

From Lisbon, arrive in Naples where excursions to Mount Vesuvius are available. From here, you will transit the Messina Strait before arriving in Haifa for an overnight stay on board where you can visit Galilee. Then take in the impressive sight of vast ships waiting to enter the Suez Canal as you too enjoy a transit.

Then, travel to the astonishing hidden city of Petra, looming like a mirage that melts into the red sandstone hills of the desert, before arriving in Dubai for an overnight stay. Here, an abundance of shore excursions are on offer at a supplement and all aim to fully immerse you in the grandeur that Dubai has to offer. Following your time in Dubai, you will journey to Muscat, where lavish palaces await your exploration before arriving in the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo.

Departing Colombo, you can look forward to three uninterrupted days at sea so that you can experience all that *Queen Mary 2* has to offer.

For some much-needed relaxation time, Phuket, your next destination, will hit the spot. One of Southeast Asia's most popular destinations, Phuket is a relaxing paradise with its white sandy beaches and sapphire seas. The Big Buddha is one of the most important and revered landmarks and worth visiting.

More golden beaches and cultural gems are up next on your incredible itinerary as you visit Penang where you can admire the giant reclining Buddha. Then, arrive in Kuala Lumpur where fascinating excursions let you get up-close-and-personal to the traditional Malaysian way of life.



The next four destinations on your itinerary are perhaps some of the most impressive. An overnight stay on board in Singapore will let you discover all that this commercial and cultural mecca encompasses; a visit to Ho Chi Minh City will ignite the senses; a pit-stop in Nha Trang will provide you with small-town pleasures, before you cruise to Hong

Kong for an overnight stay.

Hong Kong is a paradigm of contradictions. On the one hand the city vibrates with modern commerce, soaring skyscrapers and sophistication, whilst on the other, it is a land of ancient beliefs and intriguing local customs. Small, gilded shrines glow with red lamps, joss sticks and fresh oranges; markets are heaped high with salted eggs, squid and every kind of medicinal root and herbal remedy imaginable whilst red-sailed junks and sampans ply the harbour.

Departing Hong Kong, enjoy three days at sea before exploring the vibrant marine life in Bitung, Indonesia before you dock in Darwin.

Continuing your Australian adventure, you will arrive in Airlie Beach where you can join excursions to cruise, snorkel and explore Australia's greatest natural wonder, the Great Barrier Reef. Following a day at sea, experience Brisbane, then enjoy an overnight stay on board in Sydney. Spend time exploring Sydney for your leisure and discover the iconic sites with optional excursions. Then visit Melbourne, Adelaide and Margaret River before arriving in stunning Perth, which brings your adventure in Australia to an end.

The 'Beating Heart of Mauritius' is next on your itinerary as you arrive in the Mauritian capital, Port Louis. A melting pot of cultures, traditions and religions, the grandest architecture reflects the island's early colonial history. From Port Louis, you will journey to Le Port.

Following three glorious days at sea, arrive in Durban in South Africa. Next, as you cruise to Port Elizabeth, you will feel the energy and prosperity of this thriving city. It is one of the largest and sunniest cities in South Africa, situated in the Eastern Cape Province in a region now known as Nelson Mandela Bay.



Next, arrive for a two night stay on board in majestic Cape Town. Many incredible excursions are available here including a visit to Aquila Game Reserve which will take you for a wild encounter with Africa's game. Another excursion on offer provides the chance to visit Stellenbosch, the undisputed heart of the Winelands.

Departing Cape Town, you will cruise to the 'Diamond of Africa', Walvis Bay, a country of stark beauty and contrasting landscapes. It is home to the world's oldest desert, the world's highest sand dunes, and a diversity of locals that have created an intriguing blend of cultures and traditions. It is also home to prolific birdlife, including flamingos!

Following your Walvis Bay visit, you will enjoy eight days relaxing at sea. Take the opportunity to reminisce on the unforgettable experiences you have had thus far on your grand voyage. Then, sail to your penultimate destination – Santa Cruz. Beloved for its beaches, Tenerife also offers a feast for the eyes in its numerous art galleries and museums or during an incredibly panoramic cable car ascent of Mount Teide.

Your final port of call, Funchal, will surely delight all of your senses with its stunning Botanical Gardens. Before you arrive back into Southampton, three days at sea will give you the chance to discover any part of *Queen Mary 2* that you might have missed.

This Official 2020 No-Fly Queen Mary 2 World Cruise comprises 99 nights, where you'll visit 26 destinations in 21 countries, covering 30,919 nautical miles. It's time to experience the world in all its glory, and this is the only way to see it. Please don't miss out and call Reader Offers today to secure your preferred stateroom or suite.

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JENNIE BOND'S ADVENTURE TO THE GREAT WHITE CONTINENT



Reader Offers Ambassador, Journalist & TV Presenter, Jennie Bond recently embarked on the voyage of a lifetime, courtesy of the tailormade experts at Reader Offers. Here she tells us all about her Antarctica experience...

I should have listened. It was simple advice.

"Whatever else, make sure you bring inner gloves to Antarctica. They'll prove invaluable"

And so, as I bobbed up and down in a Zodiac as close to the South Pole as I shall ever be, full of wonderment at the glistening world of icebergs around me, I felt rather foolish as I furtively adjusted the black pop socks on my freezing hands. I'd found them in my suitcase, punched a hole for my thumbs and quickly pulled my mittens over the hosiery. But how I wished I'd invested in a proper inner layer to ward off the frostbite!

There's a lot to learn when you venture somewhere as remote and wild as the great white Continent.... and it's not just about keeping warm.

It had always been an ambition of mine to go there. But it was no more than a pipe dream until, about 18 months ago, I received an invitation from ROL Cruise to voyage with Hurtigruten for eleven days, followed by a few days in Buenos Aires.

Well, we're no spring chickens and I wondered whether my husband, Jim, would be up for it. But I'd underestimated his evergreen zest for adventure and wildlife... not to mention his curiosity about the legendary beauty of Argentinian women!

We leapt at the chance. And so, in late November 2018, after a comfortable flight across the Atlantic, followed by a flight to the tip of Argentina, and two days and nights crossing the Drake Passage — one of the roughest seas on the planet — we arrived at

the end of the world.

And we soon discovered that life in Antarctica, and the rules that govern it, are entirely different.

The first and most important lesson we were taught by our knowledgeable expedition team on board Hurtigruten's comfortable ice class ship, *MS Midnatsol* was that nature would dictate everything we'd do and everywhere we'd go. There could be no firm itinerary because it would all depend on the weather

and the ice. Excursions and activities, such as snow shoeing and kayaking, would happen as often as possible, wherever was feasible. We should always expect the unexpected. Our mission was to visit this largely unspoiled frozen land...and to leave it just as we'd found it. Even our footprints would be erased wherever possible.

Another golden rule in Antarctica is that penguins — and there are hundreds of thousands of them — must always be given the right of way. We were instructed to stay five metres away wherever possible. But, if one happened to come and sit on your lap, your duty was to stay

there until the penguin chose to move. It never happened —though there were times when we were left standing like statues in the snow, waiting for a penguin to decide which way to go.

Nothing, though, will compare with that first morning when I pulled back the curtain and, through the porthole, saw a huge iceberg just yards away, framed by a background of virgin white mountains against a clear blue sky. It was breathtaking.

Everyone has seen pictures or films of Antarctica, but nothing can truly prepare you for the dazzling beauty of this gargantuan land. We had reached the South Shetland Island, where the icebergs were studded with hues of turquoise and green. Occasionally there were seals resting on top, sunbathing on the ice as if it were the warmest sand.

There was always so much to see and enjoy from the ship, but whenever the weather and swell of the sea allowed, *MS Midnatsol* would launch her fleet of Zodiacs. Trussed up like turkeys in our thermals and waterproof gear, we would clamber stiffly ashore, often wading through knee-deep, icy water, assisted by the crew.

At Whalers Bay we were greeted by an elephant seal wallowing in the shallows. It watched, with understandable curiosity, as a handful of our most hardy fellow travellers ignored the falling snow, stripped off and went swimming. Briefly.

Another group spent the whole night on the ice at Neko Harbour, camping in deep snow and



surrounded by penguins. A once in a lifetime experience.

On the beautiful island of Cuverville, we all scrambled ashore onto the snow and, with walking poles, trekked to a colony of gentoo penguins who were noisily nesting. They were fascinating to watch — some mating, others squabbling — as skuas dive-bombed, hunting for eggs. Most surprising was the stench of penguins: pungent, distinctive and never to be forgotten.

There were days when the frozen sea blocked our way but eventually, we would change course and take another route. That's how we ended up visiting Hope Bay and Esperanza, one of the few research stations on the peninsula, where the 50 or so Argentinian residents were delighted to see visitors after the long, dark winter.

Antarctica was all and more that we had imagined. One of my abiding memories — apart from the beauty, the whales and sighting a wandering albatross— is watching two penguins approaching one another on the ice. As they met, they stopped, exchanged a brief penguin chat, and then waddled off in opposite directions.

This is their land, and to observe their community was a rare privilege. It certainly drove home the imperative the world faces to preserve this unique continent.

The opposite page invites you to embark on your own Maiden Voyage to Antarctica & the Falkland Islands with Hurtigruten so that you can follow in Jennie Bond's footsteps.

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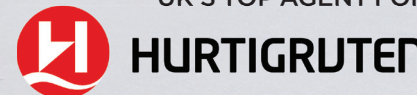


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Wed 21 **Montevideo, Uruguay** Long considered one of South America's most interesting cities, Montevideo has a rich variety of must-visits including the bustling Avenida 18 de Julio and the stretch of white, sandy beaches surrounding the city
Thu 22 **Montevideo, Uruguay** After breakfast, transfer to the port and embark the brand new *MS Fridtjof Nansen* for her 17 night maiden voyage to Antarctica & the Falkland Islands
Fri 23 - Sat 24 **Relaxing at sea** The Expedition Team will start the lecture program covering history and the great explorers, marine biology, wildlife, oceanography and climate change
Sun 25 **Puerto Madryn, Argentina** Visit Valdez Peninsula, a UNESCO World Heritage listed nature reserve. Situated on Argentina's Patagonian coast, this peninsula is home to some of the country's most dramatic wildlife habitats. Enjoy your optional excursions* that bring you closer to wildlife and let you experience the Gaucho-lifestyle of Patagonia
Mon 26 **Relaxing at sea**
Tue 27 - Thu 29 **The Falkland Islands** Reach the westernmost outposts in the Falklands and see remote farms that have been family-owned for several generations. Call on New Island which boasts white-sand beaches and turquoise waters that could easily be mistaken for those on a Caribbean isle. You may be able to go ashore on Carcass Island where your Expedition Team will look for every opportunity to take you exploring, hiking or cruising to get a closer look at local wildlife. Stanley, the inviting capital of the Falklands, is a good size for roaming the streets on foot. Or you can join an optional excursion* to explore the wilderness and wildlife in the surrounding area
Fri 30 - Sat 31 **Crossing Drake Passage**

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun 1 - Thu 5 **Antarctica** Antarctica never fails to inspire awe and wonder, with white horizons above oceans full of icebergs and whales. Perhaps even more awe-inspiring will be your first meeting with huge colonies of fearless penguins on the pristine ice. Your Captain and Expedition Team will work with the elements to create the best possible itinerary for your adventure as you explore the most beautiful and remote places on Earth. Landings will be attempted on several sites in the South Shetlands and on the Antarctic Peninsula and aim to bring you to the incredible diversity of wildlife and landscapes the area has to offer. Everywhere you explore in Antarctica is truly pristine and offers great chances to observe penguin colonies, seals, whales, glaciers, or icebergs in every shape and colour. Nowhere else on Earth offers such untouched wild beauty, explorer history and rich wildlife. Antarctica is unlike anywhere you've ever been
Crossing Drake Passage
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Junior Suite	JS	£10,229	FREE
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Standard Ocean View	6B [†]	£2,879	FREE
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Premium Ocean View	12	£4,239	FREE
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Junior Balcony Suite	JS	£6,799	FREE

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Voyager Outside	OG ^{<}	£2,079	FREE
Standard Ocean View	6B [†]	£2,199	FREE
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Premium Ocean View	12	£3,249	FREE
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Voyager Outside	OG ^{<}	£2,489	FREE
Standard Ocean View	6B [†]	£2,639	FREE
FREE upgrade to a Standard Ocean View Cabin (6P)[^]			
Premium Ocean View	12	£3,889	FREE
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